UNDERSTANDING DRUG ABUSE

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No Green Light for Marihuana Says Drug Institute Director

How to discourage drug abuse without branding marihuana users as criminals is a continuing concern of many Americans. Recently, when Dr. Robert DuPont, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, discussed this perplexing issue, he made the following comments:

The lack of clear-cut evidence that marihuana use, especially at present typically moderate use levels, leads to serious health consequences has been widely interpreted as indicating that use is "safe" or without significant medical or social harm. We scientists and Government officials are seen as giving a "green light" to the accelerating trend of use—even use by groups in which the consequences are simply not adequately known.

Evidence that infrequent use in healthier segments of our population does not typically lead to dire consequences has been interpreted by some as indicating that very high levels of use, use by less healthy individuals, or use by younger adolescents or children is also without significant hazard. Yet, there is good reason to be concerned about use, even in more stable groups, by members who are psychologically troubled and for whom use may be especially attractive because of unique stresses. . . .

The issue of "decriminalization" is another area in which what seems eminently reasonable when we are discussing it around a conference table has profound surplus meaning from the standpoint of a larger society. On its most rational level, decriminalization means simply a much-needed reform that removes the marihuana user from prison or the threat of prison. . . .

But from the standpoint of many, decriminalization becomes a touchstone—a measure of the sincerity of our intent to continue to actively discourage marihuana use. . . .

An example with far broader emotional and behavioral implications than are immediately apparent goes something like this: Marihuana use is probably no worse for one's health than alcohol and tobacco use. . . .

Alcohol and tobacco are legal drugs which can be used by virtually all who choose to do so. Therefore, marihuana use too is okay and should be legal as well.

Thus, the unintended surplus meaning others attach to what we say about the scientific or social policy aspects of marihuana frequently leads to quite unintended interpretations of what we have said. In a very real sense, we have fallen into a trap we ourselves unwittingly devised by our well-intended efforts to be rational. . . .

In my judgment, our consistent policy objective should be to reduce the levels of use of all recreational drugs—from alcohol to PCP—and the whole alphabet soup of drugs in between Now the techniques for doing so will obviously have to vary. Reducing the use of legal drugs such as alcohol and tobacco will demand a different approach than is appropriate for an illegal drug such as marihuana. but the overall *goal* is simple and unitary: Reduce use.

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County Public Schools To Offer Extension Class

The Appomattox County Public Schools will offer a fall extension class again this year. Classes are offered in the fall and spring semesters and the summer session for instructional personnel and for other persons in the community who are seeking college credits.

The class is entitled Characteristics and Needs of Exceptional Individuals and will begin on September 12. The class will be held in the Appomattox County High School weekly for sixteen weeks. Three semester hours of graduate credit will be given from the University of Virginia for successful completion. The cost of the course is $94.50, payable at the time of registration.

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Inge joined Virginia National Bank in 1973. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Inge has served as collection manager, assistant installment loan officer and assistant personnel officer before being named to his present position. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Charlottesville Chapter, A.I.B., and is a member of the Charlottesville/Albemarle Jaycees and Charlottesville/Albemarle Personnel Association.

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